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- I. Repeated outbreaks of violence (10 deaths) during late January may be forerunners more trouble in near future. Clashes involving Turkish Cypriots could also lead to further deterioration in Greek-Turkish relations and even British-Turkish relations.
- II. Vast majority Greek Cypriots continue follow leadership Archbishop Makarios (now in Athens) in demanding:
- A. Self-determination for an undivided Cyprus, either immediately, or following period of self-government;
 - B. Elimination of emergency regulations (permitting indefinite arrest);
 - C. Permission for return of Makarios to Cyprus.
 - 1. EOKA recognizes Makarios as political leader of all Greek Cypriots and would probably obey him if he ordered no violence.
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- EOKA is capable of remounting highly-effective campaign of violence.
- III. In Athens, the government continues to insist:
- A. Britain must negotiate a settlement directly with Makarios;
 - B. It will not participate in a tri-partite conference with Britain and Turkey unless an agenda is agreed to by all parties;
 - C. Eventual self-determination for Cyprus must not be precluded in any plan for resolving the issue.

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IV. Turkish Cypriots' recent large-scale rioting against authorities for first time apparently due:

- A. Fear that new Governor has been "too soft" to Greek Cypriots.
- B. Hope of emphasizing that Greeks and Turks can no longer live together--thus forcing partition.

V. Turkish Cypriots are capable being organized into effective underground organization. This would have serious effect on police and administrative forces on Cyprus, in which many Turks serve.

VI. Turkish Government's position recently hardened. It is now emphasizing:

- A. Immediate partition only solution due to relations between two communities;
- B. No further concessions should be made to Greek Cypriots, such as the return of Makarios.

VII. Britain faces almost impossible task in finding new plan for Cyprus acceptable to all parties.

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- I. There have been repeated outbreaks of violence, including 10 deaths, during late January as Turkish Cypriots have attacked the British authorities for the first time.
- II. The Turkish Cypriots have been motivated by:
 - A. The fear that the new Governor has been "too soft" to Greek Cypriots; and
 - B. The hope of emphasizing that Greeks and Turks can no longer live together - thus forcing partition.

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III. Continued Turkish rioting and its suppression could embitter relations between Turkish Cypriots and the authorities. This would have a serious effect on the police, 80 percent of whom are Turks.

A. However, the British have on Cyprus about 23,000 troops including 12 battalions of infantry and could probably maintain control of situation.

IV. The Turkish government's position recently hardened. It is now emphasizing:

A. Immediate partition as the only solution because of the bad relations between the two communities; and

B. No further concessions should be made to Greek Cypriots, such as the return of Makarios.

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The vast majority of Greek Cypriots support Makarios, who is now in Athens, in demanding:

- A. Self-determination for an undivided Cyprus.
- B. Permission for return of Makarios to Cyprus.
 - 1. EOKA recognizes Makarios as the leader of all Greek Cypriots and would probably obey him if he ordered no violence.

EOKA is capable of remounting

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- A. Britain must negotiate directly with Makarios;
- B. eventual self-determination for Cyprus must not be precluded in any plan for resolving the issue.

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- A. The fear that the new Governor has been "too soft" to Greek Cypriots; and
 - B. The hope of emphasizing that Greeks and Turks can no longer live together--thus forcing partition.
- V. Continued Turkish rioting and its suppression could embitter relations between Turkish Cypriots and the authorities. This would have a serious effect on the police, 80 percent of whom are Turks.
- A. However, the British have on Cyprus about 23,000 troops including 12 battalions of infantry, plus supporting troops and could probably maintain control of situation.
 - B. But British reinforcement capability is limited by a shortage of transportation aircraft.

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